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**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is a supplemental response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2007. Applicants filed the original response on January 24, 2008, under a one-month extension of time request. However, Applicants inadvertently failed to address the rejection of the claims that were found under 35 U.S.C 103(a) and 35 U.S.C. 102(b) that was found on page 3 of the Office Action. Applicant apologizes for this oversight, and wishes to address the merits of those rejections in this supplemental response.

**AMENDMENT**

Please amend the application as follows: